

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the Application. Claims 1, 3, 9, 11, 17, and 19 have been canceled, and Claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-16, 18, and 20-25 have been amended.

In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Applicants have responded to each notation by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the recognition of the allowable subject matter of Claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-16, and 26.

The Examiner objects to Claims 2, 4-8, 10, and 12-16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Office Action, page 4. Claims 2, 4-8, 10, and 12-16 have been amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Moreover, Claims 18 and 20-25 have been amended to include allowable subject. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-16, 18, and 20-25.

Section 101 Rejection

Applicants have made clarifying amendments to Claims 18 and 20-24. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 18 and 20-24 are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Section 103(a) Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,013,318 to Rosengard et al. ("*Rosengard*") in light of U.S. Patent No. 7,039,061 to Connor et al. ("*Connor*"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons discussed above.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this case in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Keiko Ichiye, the Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6494.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$3,000.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P. for fifteen additional independent claims. Although Applicants believe no additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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